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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

OFFICER GEORGE FORBUSH,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF SPARKS, NEVADA;
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
JOHN MARTINI, in his individual and
official capacities; CHIEF OF POLICE CHRIS
CRAWFORTH, in his individual and official
capacities; DOES 1-10,

Defendant.

**Case No.: 3:21-cv-00163-MMD-CSD
ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST FOR NAMED DEFENDANTS
TO BE EXCUSED FROM PERSONALLY
ATTENDING SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE BEFORE MAGISTRATE
JUDGE**

Defendants, the CITY OF SPARKS, JOHN MARTINI, and CHRIS CRAWFORTH (the “Defendants”), request to be excused from personally attending the Settlement Conference scheduled for February 26, 2024. At this stage of the litigation, Defendants’ insurer has full financial settlement and decision-making authority on behalf of all Defendants, and will attend the settlement conference in its entirety. Defendants do not seek to be excused from the settlement conference completely and, to the extent necessary, will be available for consultation via telephone communications with their legal representatives who will attend the settlement conference.

The Defendants are not available to appear at the settlement conference due to pre-existing scheduling conflicts (the Sparks City Council Budget Workshop, for the upcoming fiscal year,

1 and subsequent meetings). These events require the personal attendance of Mr. Martini, Mr.
2 Crawford, and the City's current representative. Given Mr. Mason's limited availability due to
3 his upcoming trial, the Court's schedule, the fact that Defendants' insurer is the decision-maker
4 for settlement purposes, and the parties' desire to participate in a settlement conference in the
5 near future, Defendants respectfully request that the settlement conference continue without their
6 personal appearance.

7 Dated: February 14, 2024.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 DATED: February 14, 2024.

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18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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